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ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND ORGANIZATION OF WORK

Note by the Secretariat

Annotations to the Agenda

1. It is proposed to revise paragraph 4 on Adoption of Agenda and Organization of Work by the addition of the following sub-title and paragraph, immediately following the paragraph entitled "High-level segment":

"Dialogue on Building Partnerships for CCD

It is proposed that part of the plenary session of the afternoon of Thursday 9 October be devoted to a dialogue on building partnerships for the CCD. The purpose is to enable all participants to have an open and informal dialogue and interaction, with emphasis on successful and innovative experiences of partnership arrangements between government and non-governmental organizations in the context of developing National Action Programmes.

The general objective is to raise awareness on the role of NGOs in the development and implementation of National Action Programmes and regional strategies. The proposed format would involve presentations from both governments and NGOs on efficient partnerships before debate is opened."

2. It is proposed to replace Annex II, Tentative Schedule of Work - First Session of the Conference of the Parties with the attached Annex II.

ANNEX II

Tentative Schedule of Work - First Session of the Conference of the Parties

Monday 29 September 1997		
	09:00 - 12:00	**14:00 - 17:00**
PLENARY	Informal Consultations Registration	Informal Consultations Registration

Tuesday 30 September 1997		
	09:00 - 12:00	**14:00 - 17:00**
P **L** **E** **N** **A** **R** **Y**	1. Opening of Conference by Executive Secretary of CCD 2. Election of President of COP 3. Statement by President 4. Statement by Under-Secretary-General Nitin Desai on behalf of the Secretary-General of the United Nations 5. Report by Chairman of the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee 6. Statement by Director-General of the Food and Agriculture Organization 7. Statement by Secretary-General of the World Meteorological Organization 8. Statement by President of International Fund for Agricultural Development 9. Statement on behalf of Executive Director of United Nations Environment Programme 10. Statement on behalf of Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme 11. Statement by Executive Secretary of CCD 12. Adoption of the agenda (ICCD/COP(1)/1, Corr.1) 13. Adoption of Rules of Procedure and Terms of Reference of Committee on Science and Technology (ICCD/COP(1)/2) 14. Election of other officers, including Chairperson of Committee on Science and Technology 15. Adoption of Organization of Work (ICCD/COP(1)/1, Corr.1) and establishment of Committee of the Whole 16. Admission of observers and accreditation of non-governmental and intergovernmental organisations (ICCD/COP(1)/2, Add.1; ICCD/COP(1)/8)	1. Presentations by candidates to host Permanent Secretariat: - Canada - Spain - Germany 2. Statement by H.E. the Vice-President of Colombia on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement 3. Statement by Executive Secretary of Convention on Biological Diversity 4. Other statements by Parties and Observers

Wednesday 1 October 1997		
	09:00 - 12:00	**14:00 - 17:00**
PLENARY	- -	- -
COW	Organization of work, including review of outstanding issues and establishment as necessary of informal groups - Adoption of recommendations of INCD (ICCD/COP(1)/2, Add.1) - Designation of Permanent Secretariat: location of the Permanent Secretariat - Rules of Procedure (ICCD/COP(1)/2)	- Global Mechanism (ICCD/COP(1)/5, Add.1, Add.2)
CST	Organization of work (ICCD/COP(1)/CST/1) - Review of outstanding items - Establishment of roster of experts (ICCD/COP(1)/6) - Benchmarks and indicators (ICCD/COP(1)/CST/3, Add.1)	- Survey and evaluation of existing networks (ICCD/COP(1)/CST/2, Add.1) - Bodies doing work of relevance to CST (ICCD/COP(1)/CST/4)

Thursday 2 October 1997		
	09:00 - 12:00	**14:00 - 17:00**
PLENARY	- -	- -
COW	- Programme and Budget (ICCD/COP(1)/3, Add.1) - Extrabudgetary Funds (ICCD/COP(1)/4, Add.1)	- -
CST	- Inventories of research, traditional knowledge (ICCD/COP(1)/CST/5) - Research priorities (ICCD/COP(1)/CST/5) - CST work programme	Preparation of report of CST

Friday 3 October 1997		
	09:00 - 12:00	**14:00 - 17:00**
PLENARY	- Designation of a Permanent Secretariat: decision on the location of the Permanent Secretariat - Continuation of other statements by Parties and Observers - Decisions recommended by INCD (ICCD/COP(1)/2, Add.1) - Decisions recommended by CST	- Statement by Executive Secretary of Framework Convention on Climate Change - Continuation of other statements by Parties and Observers
COW	- -	To be determined
Parallel Event		Mayors' Forum at Rome City Hall beginning at 15:00, continuing on Saturday 4 October

Monday 6 October 1997		
	09:00 - 12:00	**14:00 - 17:00**
Parallel Event in Plenary Hall	NGO Forum	NGO Forum
C O W	Informal Consultations	Informal Consultations
Parallel Event in Iran Room	Media Outreach Workshop	Media Seminar

Tuesday 7 October 1997		
	09:00 - 12:00	**14:00 - 17:00**
PLENARY	High-level segment	High-level segment
COW	To be determined	To be determined

Wednesday 8 October 1997		
	09:00 - 12:00	**14:00 - 17:00**
PLENARY	High-level segment	High-level segment
COW	To be determined	To be determined

Thursday 9 October 1997		
	09:00 - 12:00	**14:00 - 19:00**
PLENARY	High-level segment	- Report on conclusions and recommendations of the Committee of the Whole - Statement by Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme - Statement by Administrator of United Nations Development Programme - Other statements by Heads of Agencies - Dialogue on Building Partnerships for CCD
COW	To be determined	To be determined

Friday 10 October 1997		
	09:00 - 12:00	**14:00 - 17:00**
PLENARY	- Statement by Mayor of Rome on results of Mayors' Forum - Statement by H.E. the President of Argentina	Adoption of report of COP
COW	To be determined	- -